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MICHAEL PAPARIAN, CHAIR
STEVEN R. JONES
JOSE MEDINA

STAFF PRESENT:
MARK LEARY, Executive Director
KATHRYN TOBIAS, Chief Legal Counsel
PEGGY FARRELL, Committee Secretary
LILAH SAMPAIO, Board Staff

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- 3 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Good morning
- 4 everybody, welcome. This is a meeting of the Permitting
- 5 and Enforcement Committee.
- And can everybody hear me? Okay.
- 7 I think we've got a pretty brief agenda this
- 8 morning. I want to start out with a roll call.
- 9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Here.
- 11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Here.
- 13 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Roberti?
- 14 (Not present.)
- 15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 16 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Here.
- 17 Mr. Jones or Mr. Medina, do either of you have
- 18 any ex-partes or --.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Not at this time.
- 20 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. I think we
- 21 can go ahead and just get started.
- The first item on the agenda is the Deputy
- 23 Director's report.
- MS. NAUMAN: Good morning, Mr. Chair and Board
- 25 members, Julie Nauman with the Permitting and

- 1 Enforcement Division.
- I have a few items to report on this morning.
- 3 As we did last month, I'd like to report on
- 4 upcoming permits. We're expecting approximately
- 5 thirteen permits to come before the Board in June and
- 6 July combination.
- 7 In June we're planning to report to the Board
- 8 on the progress of what we have called the past pilot
- 9 program. And this is the pilot program that the Board
- 10 approved late last year requiring permit applications to
- 11 be submitted on the last Monday of each month. And
- 12 we're to assure that the Board has as close to sixty
- 13 days as possible to review those permits and bring them
- 14 forward to the Board for consideration.
- 15 A couple of other items worth noting. We
- 16 received a proposed permit for the Alturas Landfill
- 17 located in Modoc County. The LEA has indicated that
- 18 they believe that the requested change should be
- 19 categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.
- 20 Staff, however, have determined that a negative
- 21 declaration is appropriate to support the Board's action
- 22 on the permit.
- 23 So the purpose of my report this morning is not
- 24 to really get into the details of that permit, but just
- 25 to cover the issue that staff, excuse me, will be

1 completing the necessary CEQA documentation within that

- 2 sixty day allotted timeframe, so our action will not
- 3 delay our ability to bring that permit package forward
- 4 to you.
- 5 So fundamentally we have a disagreement between
- 6 our staff and the LEA, and staff has taken the position
- 7 that they believe for your purposes that you should have
- 8 a negative declaration on this permit package.
- 9 Secondly, I wanted to report on some
- 10 developments with respect to the Inland Empire. I think
- 11 the committee may be aware that there were some news
- 12 reports and e-mails a couple of weeks ago about the
- 13 Inland Empire composting facility which was ordered
- 14 closed.
- 15 And although initially there was some concern
- 16 about the waste stream disposition, our Southern
- 17 California LEA's indicate that the material is being
- 18 managed without overburdening any one facility.
- 19 Some of the material is being managed through
- 20 disposal; some of it's being diverted to other
- 21 composting facilities. So we'll keep you posted on any
- 22 further developments. But at least for now the waste
- 23 stream is being accommodated.
- I'm going to skip down to just to give you an
- 25 update on our LEA Roundtables. I think, as you know,

1 quarterly our roundtables are held with LEA's throughout

- 2 the state. And our staff travels to the venues to meet
- 3 with them and talk about technical issues.
- 4 The Southern California LEA staff has indicated
- 5 a strong interest in conversion technology, and many of
- 6 the issues that are generated at the roundtables become
- 7 part of our Enforcement Advisory Council, EAC agenda
- 8 where they get included as topics at our annual
- 9 conference.
- 10 The next EAC meeting is scheduled for June 11th
- 11 in Sacramento. And certainly any of you are more than
- 12 welcome. And I'm sure the members of the committee
- 13 would be delighted to have you attend any or all of
- 14 those meetings. They're held here in the building. And
- 15 we can make copies of the agenda available to you and
- 16 your staff in advance.
- 17 So that completes my report. And unless you
- 18 have any questions, I can just move into the items.
- 19 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Any questions?
- 20 Go ahead.
- 21 MS. NAUMAN: Okay. Item B which corresponds to
- 22 agenda item three for the Board meeting for those who
- 23 are following it along, is consideration of a revised
- 24 full solid waste facility permit transfer processing
- 25 station for the Paramount Resource Recycling Facility in

- 1 Los Angeles County.
- 2 I might note that this is the first time we
- 3 have attempted to use our new template on a permit item,
- 4 so we certainly welcome your feedback on how the
- 5 template is serving your needs.
- 6 And Bill Marciniak will be making the
- 7 presentation.
- 8 MR. MARCINIAK: Good morning, Board members. I
- 9 will be presenting item number three, consideration of a
- 10 revised full solid waste facilities permit for the
- 11 Paramount Resource Recycling facility located in Los
- 12 Angeles County.
- 13 The facility is located in the city of
- 14 Paramount, and is owned and operated by Paramount
- 15 Resource and Recycling, Incorporated.
- 16 The proposed permit will allow an increase in
- 17 the maximum waste received from 1,200 to 2,450, an
- 18 increase in the acreage from 1.79 acres to 4.4 acres,
- 19 and allow public vehicles access to the site from 2:00
- 20 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. which is the same as commercial
- 21 vehicles. Currently they are allowed only access from
- 22 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 23 The LEA has certified the application is
- 24 complete and correct and that the reported facility
- 25 information meets the requirements of the California

1 Code of Regulations and that CEQA has been complied

- 2 with.
- 3 Board staff have also reviewed the proposed
- 4 permit supporting documentation and found them to be
- 5 acceptable.
- 6 In conclusion, staff recommend that the Board
- 7 adopt permit decision number 2002-217 concurring with
- 8 the issuance of solid waste facility permit number
- 9 19-AA-0840 for the Paramount Resource Recycling
- 10 facility.
- 11 The operator's consultant, Chip Clemens and
- 12 myself are available to answer any questions you have.
- 13 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Questions? Mr.
- 14 Jones, Mr. Medina, any questions?
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: I would just like to
- 16 hear what steps have been taken in regard to the three
- 17 SMS violations from January through March that took
- 18 place in 2002.
- 19 MR. MARCINIAK: The LEA documented a load
- 20 checking violation in that the training wasn't up to
- 21 date for October, November, December, and January. And
- 22 since then the operator has had the load checker attend
- 23 the training, so that was eliminated.
- 24 And the other two violations were corrected.
- 25 In January the violations were corrected before the

- 1 February inspection.
- 2 When I did my pre-permit inspection there, we
- 3 didn't find any violations at that time.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: My concern in regards
- 5 to this item is just in regard to their compliance
- 6 history, they have a very bad history in regard to these
- 7 violations.
- 8 MR. CLEMENS: Good morning, I'm Chip Clemens
- 9 with Clemens Environmental Consulting for the Paramount
- 10 Resource Recycling Facility.
- 11 We have in the past had several, you know, what
- 12 I would call minor violations, but we have really
- 13 tightened up the operation of the facility, and as Bill
- 14 mentioned, we've corrected, you know, all the former
- 15 violations. And the three that we had earlier this year
- 16 have all been corrected.
- 17 And now the LEA has done several inspections,
- 18 and Bill did an inspection, and we're operating
- 19 according to all the state minimum standards and plan to
- 20 do so for the future.
- 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Let me ask you a
- 22 question about this. The posted hours of the facility
- 23 currently are 5:00 in the morning for commercial and
- 24 7:00 in the morning for public vehicles even though the
- 25 permitted hours are earlier than that.

1 MR. CLEMENS: Right. I think the idea there

- 2 was just to go with the permit for what we thought would
- 3 be the maximum hours that we possibly needed. And what
- 4 we found we have actually been operating, at this point
- 5 the actual operation does not need to be open some of
- 6 those very early morning hours, but we wanted to have
- 7 the ability to be open then if we needed it for some of
- 8 the early morning haulers.
- 9 Yeah, and that's the other point. At the
- 10 present time the current tonnage is only about four
- 11 hundred tons per day because of some of the
- 12 consolidations of the companies and the shifting waste
- 13 stream down there, so we're not really even close to
- 14 that maximum limit. So those hours have just turned out
- 15 to be not necessary, the early morning hours. But they
- 16 may be in the future, so we wanted to make sure that we
- 17 had it covered if we needed it.
- 18 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. And then the,
- 19 you've got residences, I think you've got like a
- 20 railroad right-of-way and a power right-of-way and
- 21 residences five hundred feet away in that direction --
- 22 MR. CLEMENS: Correct.
- 23 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: And then 200 feet
- 24 away in that direction is a mobile home park.
- 25 MR. CLEMENS: Yeah, five hundred feet to the

1 mobile home park, but in between is this Edison

- 2 right-of-way that has a commercial nursery.
- 3 We've actually put up a ten foot wall across
- 4 the center of that property. And we're permitted to
- 5 stage roll-offs and empty trucks and park employees over
- 6 in that area, but that's the only thing that occurs, you
- 7 know, even remotely close to where the trailer park is.
- 8 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Any complaints from
- 9 them or from the residents in the other direction?
- MR. CLEMENS: No complaints.
- 11 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Anything else?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair.
- 13 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Yes, sir.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 15 Resolution 2002-217 revised, revised solid waste
- 16 facilities permit for the Paramount Resource Recycling
- 17 Center.
- 18 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Before we
- 19 move forward on that let me just clarify what our rules
- 20 were. We have one member missing, so in terms of
- 21 whether this would go for consent or not?
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Mr. Chair, Mark
- 23 Leary for the Waste Board. If it were a three 0 vote
- 24 with one member absent, we would consider that a motion
- 25 for consent unless the three of you indicated otherwise.

- 1 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay.
- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: It's the unanimity
- 3 we're looking for. If, obviously that one member or the
- 4 other members have the option to pull it off consent as
- 5 they so choose, as always.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: I'm not inclined to
- 7 place this particular item on consent, I'd rather have
- 8 it up for the full Board discussion.
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. In that case
- 10 I'm wondering if we should not take a vote?
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Well we, I mean we
- 12 have to give a recommendation to the Board.
- 13 LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: We need a recommendation
- 14 to the Board.
- 15 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: We need a
- 16 recommendation to keep it on consent.
- 17 So Mr. Jones moved and recommended support of
- 18 this item, I'll go ahead and second that and move it
- 19 forward.
- 20 Secretary call the roll.
- 21 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 23 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 25 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?

- 1 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 2 So it will go to the full Board, not on the
- 3 consent agenda, but from the subcommittee with support.
- 4 MS. NAUMAN: Our next item, item C, is
- 5 consideration of a revised full solid waste facilities
- 6 permit/transfer processing station for the El Dorado
- 7 Recovery Systems Material Recovery Facility in El Dorado
- 8 County.
- 9 Mary Madison-Johnson will make the
- 10 presentation.
- 11 MS. MADISON-JOHNSON: Good morning, Mr. Chair
- 12 and members.
- 13 This is an existing transfer station located on
- 14 Throwita Way in Placerville. I just had to say that, I
- 15 thought that was a cute name. It's located in an
- 16 industrial park.
- 17 It's a proposed project, the operator proposes
- 18 to make the following changes:
- 19 Increase the number of vehicles using the
- 20 facility from 380 to 679 vehicles per day.
- 21 Increase the acreage from 7.1 acres to 10.1.
- 22 And add a sorting line.
- 23 These changes are necessary as traffic has been
- 24 exceeded several times in 2001 and 2002, although the
- 25 tonnage volumes have remained within the permitted

- 1 amount.
- 2 The additional acreage is needed to handle the
- 3 increase in traffic, and the sorting line will be used
- 4 to sort loads containing metal, concrete, and wood.
- 5 All the required findings have been made.
- 6 The Board staff recommend that the Board adopt
- 7 Resolution 2002-015 concurring in the issuance of the
- 8 proposed permit.
- 9 That concludes staff's presentation.
- 10 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Any questions?
- 11 Mr. Jones.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair, I'd move
- 13 concurrence of Resolution 2002-050.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 15 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: There's been a
- 16 motion and a second.
- 17 Secretary, call the roll.
- 18 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 20 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 22 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 23 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair, I move we
- 25 ought to put this one on consent.

1 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: I think we're fine

- 2 with putting this on consent. Okay. Next.
- 3 MS. NAUMAN: Item D, consideration of approval
- 4 of new sites for solid waste disposal and co-disposal
- 5 cleanup program.
- 6 Scott Walker.
- 7 MR. WALKER: This item presents consideration
- 8 of one new cleanup project pursuant to the solid waste
- 9 cleanup for AB 2136 program.
- 10 The city of Huntington Beach submitted a
- 11 matching grant application for a cleanup project for the
- 12 Bolsa Chica number one and number two illegal disposal
- 13 sites.
- 14 This project was identified as an anticipated
- 15 near term project in the closed, illegal, and abandoned
- 16 site discussion item that we presented to the Board in
- 17 December.
- In addition, as directed by the Board, we've
- 19 tried to do a lot more outreach to the urban areas of
- 20 Southern California, so believe it or not this is the
- 21 first project that we've ever had from Orange County
- 22 which is a, quite a change.
- 23 The Bolsa Chica project would address
- 24 significant trash accumulation in the Bolsa Chica
- 25 wetlands from two storm drain outlets which drain in an

- 1 urban residential area of about 1,200 acres.
- 2 Bolsa Chica is a state park preserving
- 3 ecologically sensitive wetlands habitat. It's adjacent
- 4 to and tightly connected to public beaches that have
- 5 been plagued with pollution problems and beach closures;
- 6 and these beaches include Bolsa Chica and Huntington
- 7 State Beaches, and also Sunset County Beach.
- 8 The city of Huntington Beach implements a
- 9 variety of measures to reduce solid waste that
- 10 accumulates and is washed away into the concentrated
- 11 run-off. But these measures have been inadequate to
- 12 control the pollution.
- 13 The total cost is estimated at, of the project
- 14 is estimated at \$240,000 of which Board costs would be
- 15 50 percent or up to \$120,000.
- The city would be responsible for implementing
- 17 the project and performing ongoing maintenance. This
- 18 project is similar to four other projects previously
- 19 approved by the Board for the L.A. urban area.
- 20 Based on staff's review of the application all
- 21 program criteria have been met and cost recovery would
- 22 not apply.
- 23 In conclusion, staff will recommend the Board
- 24 adopt Resolution 2002-219 approving the proposed
- 25 matching grant application for the city of Huntington

- 1 Beach.
- 2 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Any questions?
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair.
- 4 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Jones.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I'll move concurrence
- 6 with Resolution 2002-219.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 8 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: We have a motion and
- 9 a second.
- 10 Secretary call the roll.
- 11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 13 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 16 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye. We've
- 17 recommended concurrence, I had a quick question about
- 18 whether an item like this is appropriate for consent or
- 19 not.
- 20 LEGAL COUNSEL TOBIAS: When we shifted over to
- 21 the committees, it used to be when we didn't have
- 22 committees that grants, financial items did not go on
- 23 consent.
- 24 My understanding is now that the committees can
- 25 go ahead and put them on consent although there are

1 several Board members who are interested, have indicated

- 2 an interest in having some of the financial issues come
- 3 before the Board.
- 4 So certainly the committees, if they so desire
- 5 and they feel like there's not a financial issue, could
- 6 go ahead and make a motion to put it on consent. It may
- 7 be that it comes off, but I think that's the way we
- 8 anticipated this system working.
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. So if there's
- 10 no objection then I think we should move it forward with
- 11 placing it on consent, and then if a member not on the
- 12 committee has a problem they can pull it off consent.
- 13 All right?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yes.
- 15 MS. NAUMAN: Okay. The next three items are
- 16 related and Scott will present them. And we'll start
- 17 with item E, consideration of augmentation and amendment
- 18 of contract number IWM-CO167 with the Office of
- 19 Environmental Health Hazard Assessment for risk
- 20 assessment assistance, fiscal year 2001-02, contract
- 21 concept number 12.
- MR. WALKER: Scott Walker, Permitting and
- 23 Enforcement Division.
- The Board approved contract number IWM-C0167
- 25 with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard

1 Assessment or OEHHA in February to implement fiscal year

- 2 2001-2002, contract concept twelve.
- 3 The funding level of this contract was approved
- 4 initially at \$100,000 out of the total \$200,000
- 5 allocated to the concept.
- 6 The Board directed staff to bring back
- 7 additional items for consideration of the remaining
- 8 \$100,000, to either augment the OEHHA contract and/or
- 9 fund a separate interagency agreement with DTSC.
- 10 OEHHA provides expertise in the broadest range
- 11 of risk assessment services. And an example of this
- 12 service is with regard to conversion technologies as
- 13 directed by the Board last month. Through this contract
- 14 we will be evaluating risk aspects of conversion
- 15 technologies which staff is currently working on that
- 16 and we'll bring that back to the Board at a later date.
- 17 Other projects currently being used include
- 18 training and site specific assistance to LEA's. DTSC
- 19 can also provide risk assessment services for specific
- 20 cases such as burn dumps.
- 21 To address the Board's direction in February,
- 22 this item recommends approval to augment the OEHHA
- 23 contract by \$50,000. As Julie mentioned, the next two
- 24 items will consider a scope of work and an award of a
- 25 contract to DTSC for the remaining \$50,000, and the DTSC

1 contract would specifically apply to risk assessment

- 2 assistance related to burn dump sites, and is proposed
- 3 based on DTSC's request that they be considered the
- 4 contractor for such services specific to burn dump
- 5 sites.
- 6 In conclusion, staff will recommend the Board
- 7 adopt Resolution 2002-220 augmenting contract number
- 8 IWM-C0167 with OEHHA by \$50,000.
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Thank you. You
- 10 wanted to add something, Julie?
- MS. NAUMAN: No.
- 12 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Any
- 13 questions?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I have a question. On
- 15 the OEHHA contract, there's like 28 or 38 different
- 16 conversion technologies. And when we talked about risk
- 17 assessment, you know, we've got to pick more than one
- 18 obviously, you know, three or four, and none have been
- 19 built or three or four have been built.
- 20 Are we kind of cutting ourselves short by only
- 21 giving them a fifty grand augmentation here on this?
- 22 MS. NAUMAN: We've had some discussions with
- 23 staff, and I've also had some discussions with our chair
- 24 who raised this issue during our consideration of the
- 25 conversion technology item.

1 It's my understanding that the scope of the

- 2 assignment is really to review the scientific data that
- 3 was referred to during that discussion. So I don't know
- 4 that it means that there will be an actual risk
- 5 assessment on each type of technology, but instead a
- 6 broader overview, review of the existing literature to
- 7 be able to give us some additional guidance in how to
- 8 deal with these issues.
- 9 And Mr. Paparian, maybe you want to comment on
- 10 your intent?
- 11 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Jones, I was
- 12 actually thinking \$50,000 might be too much.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I don't think it's
- 14 enough.
- 15 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Let me explain.
- 16 Yeah. My understanding is what we're going to be asking
- 17 OEHHA to do is we'll take a look at what we know from
- 18 the existing studies, some of which were referred to in
- 19 our Board meeting last month, tell us what that tells us
- 20 about what we know and what we don't know, tell us what
- 21 additional research might be needed to answer any
- 22 outstanding questions, and how much that research would
- 23 cost. But not to really conduct that research or
- 24 conduct that assessment that was necessary. But to come
- 25 back to us and let us know if there's additional

1 information that would be desirable, and what it would

- 2 take to get that information.
- 3 MS. NAUMAN: And I think Howard has had some
- 4 direct discussions with the OEHHA staff and can comment.
- 5 MR. LEVENSON: Fernando and I met late last
- 6 week with OEHHA and started talking about what's
- 7 possible and, Mr. Paparian, as you described, that was
- 8 correct.
- 9 We would be looking for a review of existing
- 10 literature, particularly risk assessment data because
- 11 that's what OEHHA specializes in as opposed to assessing
- 12 whether the emissions that are claimed from a particular
- 13 technology are correct.
- 14 What are the gaps? What kind of research could
- 15 be conducted to fill that in? As well as what's the
- 16 feasibility of OEHHA assisting the Board as individual
- 17 applications or permit applications come before the
- 18 Board for conversion technologies, what could their role
- 19 be based on their authority and their resources?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yeah. My concern is I
- 21 don't want another MTBE. And I remember making that
- 22 statement after I got back from Santa Barbara for the
- 23 conversion technologies issue down there, because
- 24 clearly within the expertise of these different,
- 25 different forms of conversion, there's disagreement over

1 which one is the best, which one is dangerous, which

- 2 one, you know, could have side effects.
- 3 So I just want us to be aware, I don't think
- 4 that it's prudent to look at a few technologies and say,
- 5 you know, okay, this is cool, this is not a problem.
- 6 Because it's going to give the impression that that's a
- 7 seal of approval on all 28 or, and I don't remember if
- 8 that's the right number, but it seems to me it was
- 9 either 28 or 38.
- 10 MR. LEVENSON: I don't know if there's a real
- 11 number.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay. That's what I
- 13 had walked away with everybody saying that that's been
- 14 identified.
- MR. LEVENSON: I'd say we actually have three
- 16 kind of different projects on addressing that question
- 17 you're raising.
- One is the work we've been doing with OEHHA,
- 19 and they've made it very clear they'll only look at
- 20 actual risks. They won't evaluate a technology and say
- 21 it's likely to present such and such emission or
- 22 residuals. Given such a set of emissions or residuals,
- 23 here are the risks.
- 24 We also have a contract with UC Davis the Board
- 25 approved last month to identify technologies, make sure

1 we know whether it's 28 or 38 or 50 or whatever. Start

- 2 a first order evaluation of those technologies in terms
- 3 of emissions and performance capabilities. We hope to
- 4 extend that depending on what's passed in the budget
- 5 proposal.
- 6 And then thirdly, we have the same kinds of
- 7 provisions for life cycle comparisons of different
- 8 technologies. So between the three, although it will
- 9 take some time to complete, we would hope to get a
- 10 variety of different perspectives on that question.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: So you think the fifty
- 12 grand is enough?
- 13 MR. LEVENSON: Well, we don't know, we haven't
- 14 heard. We just sent a draft scope through P&E over to
- 15 OEHHA last week, and we haven't heard back from them in
- 16 terms of what it will cost. We expect that this week.
- 17 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Howard, you did
- 18 bring up one issue there and that is that, I guess OEHHA
- 19 had some limits in terms of what they can do in looking
- 20 at things like air emissions and what the emissions are.
- 21 Will you be able to, just using the existing
- 22 resources, consult with ARB as appropriate to get their
- 23 expertise on that issue?
- MR. LEVENSON: That's one of the things that,
- 25 almost the first thing they mentioned was why aren't you

1 guys, why won't you be working with the AQMD's and the

- 2 Air Board on looking at individual permits?
- 3 And we said, well the first thing we need to do
- 4 is get a handle on what the existing literature says
- 5 about risks, and that's OEHHA's function.
- 6 But it's clear that we will have to either have
- 7 this work reviewed by ARB, or at least as individual
- 8 permits come forward, that's certainly, those would be
- 9 looked at by the local AQMD before they ever get to the
- 10 Board.
- 11 So there's a variety of different avenues that
- 12 we can use to get Air Board input. We can do, make a
- 13 more formal kind of request to them if you wish.
- 14 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Yeah, I think, I
- 15 mean from what I'm hearing I think it might be good
- 16 early on, I mean very soon, to kind of scope out what it
- 17 is that we would want to know from the ARB and then
- 18 figure out how we might be able to get that information.
- 19 It might be quite possible that using their
- 20 existing scientific research that they're able to
- 21 provide whatever sorts of answers we'd be looking for.
- 22 MR. LEVENSON: We'll start contacting them and
- 23 report back to you when we find out.
- 24 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Anything else?
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: No. Mr. Chair.

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1 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Yes, Mr. Jones.
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- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I will move for
- 3 concurrence with Resolution 2002-220, consideration of
- 4 augmentation to OEHHA. And while I'm going to move it,
- 5 I don't think we should put it on consent, I think this
- 6 should be a heard item.
- 7 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Mr. Jones has
- 8 made a motion.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 10 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Seconded by Mr.
- 11 Medina.
- 12 Secretary, call the roll.
- 13 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 17 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 18 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye. So the
- 19 recommendation on that one is to support, but we don't
- 20 have it on the consent.
- 21 Okay, next.
- 22 MS. NAUMAN: Item F is the consideration of the
- 23 revised scope of work for the risk assessment assistance
- 24 contract, again this is for year 2001-2002, contract
- 25 concept number twelve.

- 1 And then related to that is item G,
- 2 consideration of the Department of Toxic Substance
- 3 Control as the contractor for the revised risk
- 4 assessment contract.
- 5 MR. WALKER: Scott Walker, Permitting and
- 6 Enforcement Division.
- 7 And again these two items tie directly into the
- 8 augmentation item, and this deals with the remaining
- 9 \$50,000 on this contract concept.
- 10 And in February the Board again directed staff
- 11 to go back and work with Toxics and OEHHA with regard to
- 12 the specific tasks associated with burn dumps.
- 13 DTSC basically requested that we take those out
- 14 of OEHHA and that they be considered for those
- 15 particular tasks.
- And so we went back, we worked with DTSC staff,
- 17 and we brought forth this item which was the scope of
- 18 work. And basically this scope of work would address
- 19 the risk assessment services needed specific to burn
- 20 dump sites.
- 21 And there's five tasks identified, four of
- 22 which basically provide for DTSC site specific reviews
- 23 and reports if they're requested. If we come up with
- 24 something the LEA's have specific to a burn dump site,
- 25 we could use this scope of work to have DTSC review

- 1 that, DTSC toxicologists.
- 2 The other task, which is task three, would
- 3 provide for standardized guidance to the Board and LEA's
- 4 to use when cleaning up the dump sites. So this is more
- 5 generic, more standardized guidance that we would
- 6 address with that task.
- 7 The, a point to bring up too is that there have
- 8 been some concerns with regard to scopes of works and,
- 9 you know, controls on the spending and the products and
- 10 all. And I wanted to remind the Board that this scope
- 11 of work is a work order based time and materials
- 12 contract, and it provides the Board with significant
- 13 control over costs and other work products. No activity
- 14 would be authorized unless there was a work order signed
- 15 by both parties which identifies the specific work
- 16 products and costs.
- 17 And again, as they come up, then we develop and
- 18 we draft the work order with Toxics, and we go forward
- 19 as appropriate, as project managers.
- In conclusion, staff will recommend the Board
- 21 adopt Resolution 2002-269 approving the proposed revised
- 22 scope of work for risk assessment services of burn dump
- 23 sites.
- 24 And I don't know whether you'd like me to go
- 25 into the next item? The next item essentially would

1 recommend the Board adopt Resolution 2002-270 approving

- 2 DTSC as contractor for the scope of work.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair.
- 4 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Jones.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: So if we put this
- 6 money in that fund, where, is it the Waste Board that
- 7 has the, we're the only ones that can trigger a work
- 8 order?
- 9 MR. WALKER: Correct.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: This isn't going to
- 11 be, you know, we're going to go look at a burn dump so
- 12 we need fifty grand?
- MR. WALKER: No, they can't, through this
- 14 contract and this scope of work they can't go ahead and
- 15 do something and come back and ask us to pay for it.
- 16 They have to first get the work order approved and
- 17 signed.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: But it's only going to
- 19 be if the Waste Board originates the request?
- MR. WALKER: Correct.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay. Mr. Chair.
- 22 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Jones.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 24 resolution, or I'll ask for concurrence of Resolution
- 25 2002-269.

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1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
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- 2 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: We have a motion and
- 3 a second on 2002-269.
- 4 Secretary, call the roll.
- 5 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 10 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Jones.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: I'll move for
- 14 concurrence on Resolution 2002-270 which determines DTSC
- 15 as our contractor on the contract concept.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Second.
- 17 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. We have a
- 18 motion and a second on 2002-270.
- 19 Secretary, call the roll.
- 20 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Jones?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Aye.
- 22 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Medina?
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Aye.
- 24 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Paparian?
- 25 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Aye. And should we

- 1 have those on consent?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: They're going to get
- 3 pulled off, I think we ought to just leave them off
- 4 probably, I think it would probably be --
- 5 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: That's fine, we have
- 6 a recommendation of support from the subcommittee.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yeah. Yeah.
- 8 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Anything you want to
- 9 add, Mr. Leary?
- 10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: I was just going to
- 11 say in supplementing Kathryn's earlier remarks about
- 12 fiscal items being placed on consent, I believe that, as
- 13 Mr. Jones says, this would come out regardless; but as
- 14 we did last month, as you recall, was make an
- 15 abbreviated presentation at the full Board meeting of
- 16 fiscal matters even though committee had placed them on
- 17 consent there were other Board members who wanted to
- 18 have a vote of the Board on all fiscal matters, so what
- 19 we ended up doing was having a consent list for
- 20 non-fiscal matters, and an abbreviated presentation at
- 21 the full Board meeting for those items which were fiscal
- 22 in nature, which moved them quite quickly right along.
- 23 So given that the second half of these two
- 24 items is a fiscal matter, it will be most likely
- 25 presented before the Board in an abbreviated fashion.

Now I, it's up to the three of you whether the

- 2 first item, we can try it on consent and see what
- 3 happens, or just take it off consent and prepare for a
- 4 presentation.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Why don't you go ahead
- 6 and put the one on consent, put the other ones on
- 7 consent with a short presentation? That would be my
- 8 recommendations, Mr. Chair.
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Any problem
- 10 with that?
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: No.
- 12 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Why don't we
- 13 go ahead, try it that way.
- 14 Thank you.
- MS. NAUMAN: Next item is item H, consideration
- 16 of approval to formally notice proposed regulations for
- 17 closure and postclosure maintenance.
- 18 Mike Wochnick will make the presentation.
- 19 MR. WOCHNICK: Good morning, Board members.
- 20 We'll wait for the presentation to come up.
- 21 Good morning. The presentation this morning is
- 22 to request the committee's approval to notice for the
- 23 formal comment period the closure regulations.
- 24 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Before you go much
- 25 further, is there a way to turn on these monitors here,

- 1 do you know?
- 2 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: Touch the screen
- 3 and see if it's on.
- 4 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Oh, okay. There we
- 5 go.
- 6 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FARRELL: There you go.
- 7 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Thank you. Go
- 8 ahead.
- 9 MR. WOCHNICK: All right. To give you some
- 10 background. The beginning for these closure regulations
- 11 were based on the state audit report that was done in
- 12 December of 2000. Among the findings in the report were
- 13 that landfills delay closure and closure plans, and a
- 14 look of coordination of closure plan review.
- Based on that, the audit report did a couple of
- 16 recommendations, including to revise regulations to
- 17 address delay of closure and closure plans, and to
- 18 reestablish the Board as the coordinating agency for
- 19 closure plan review.
- 20 In discussions the Board in May of 2001 adopted
- 21 Resolution 2001-135 which directed staff to revise
- 22 regulations to accomplish four tasks.
- One was for permits for closed landfills.
- 24 Two was to control trickling waste and/or
- 25 closure delays.

1 Approval of closure plans for solid waste

- 2 facility permit concurrence.
- 3 And reestablish concurrence of the Board as
- 4 coordinating agency for closure plans.
- 5 To accomplish this task took a number of
- 6 months. We had a first draft in November of last year,
- 7 had some workshops in Diamond Bar and Sacramento, and we
- 8 had some formal comments.
- 9 We had a second draft in February, and
- 10 subsequent to that had some meetings with the Rural
- 11 Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority,
- 12 CCDEH, and the EAC, and we've made some additional
- 13 changes to address their issues.
- We had a third draft agenda in March of this
- 15 year, and had some additional meetings with industry to
- 16 address some of their concerns.
- 17 And now we have the proposed version in front
- 18 of you today.
- To go over the four main points.
- The first one on closure permits. What staff
- 21 is proposing is that the final closure plans, whether
- 22 it's a full final or a partial final, would act as an
- 23 RFI amendment. And then that the plan provisions would
- 24 be incorporated into the existing solid waste facility
- 25 permit by reference.

1 In this case the LEA would not have to formally

- 2 revise the permit at the time the plan just gets
- 3 incorporated directly.
- 4 There were some issues about whether the permit
- 5 should be mandatory or optional, but in discussions with
- 6 our legal staff is that it's, a permit to incorporate
- 7 the closure plan is advisable to effectively implement
- 8 the statute since current statute is very nebulous in
- 9 its terminology about the enforcement, the actual
- 10 enforceability of closure plans absent a permit
- 11 condition. And also that the permit will allow
- 12 additional enforcement options.
- 13 However, we do want to make --
- 14 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Hold on just one
- 15 second. Mr. Jones has a question.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Just one second, Mike.
- 17 MR. WOCHNICK: Sure.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: You've got an existing
- 19 permit?
- MR. WOCHNICK: Yes.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: And that has started
- 22 with this facility since before it became constructed?
- MR. WOCHNICK: Right.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: You have a closure
- 25 plan that is part of a, you can't, you can't even start

1 construction without having estimates of a closure plan,

- 2 right? I mean you start a closure plan the day you
- 3 start a facility?
- 4 MR. WOCHNICK: Yeah, but that's a preliminary
- 5 closure plan.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Understood.
- 7 MR. WOCHNICK: Okay.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Because we had
- 9 meetings and I was kind of of the understanding that we
- 10 were, that the permit, the existing solid waste facility
- 11 permit that has been with that facility since day one --
- 12 MR. WOCHNICK: Right.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: -- whether it's been
- 14 revised or whatever, it has a permit with it. That
- 15 permit is going to stay with that facility forever?
- 16 MR. WOCHNICK: Correct.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Through closure and
- 18 post closure?
- 19 MR. WOCHNICK: That's correct.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: And then a, a approved
- 21 closure plan will be an addendum or will be the, will be
- 22 attached, okay, for the conditions?
- MR. WOCHNICK: Correct.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay. So I guess when
- 25 you were talking about permits might not have the

1 ability to do that, is it because we have to do

- 2 something or to confirm that.
- 3 You got me nervous, Mike, because it sounded
- 4 like we were going in an opposite direction from where
- 5 we were.
- 6 MR. WOCHNICK: What I was talking about was the
- 7 statute.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay.
- 9 MR. WOCHNICK: Because existing state statute
- 10 states that the, upon approval of the final closure plan
- 11 would be the governing document for a facility.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Right.
- 13 MR. WOCHNICK: That terminology is very
- 14 nebulous, and in the past it had been interpreted that
- 15 the plan is directly enforceable absent a permit
- 16 condition.
- 17 In recent discussions with our legal office
- 18 staff it is determined that that's a questionable
- 19 determination, so therefore that's why we're
- 20 recommending this change is that the closure plan gets
- 21 incorporated into a permit and, therefore, it is
- 22 directly enforceable.
- 23 And that's why we're doing that.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: That's fine. I'm
- 25 sorry, I just wanted to make sure that was clear.

1 MR. WOCHNICK: Yeah, it was just -- we -- we do

- 2 want to make, staff is recommending one minor change to
- 3 the version of the regulations that's in your agenda.
- We want to add, on the very last page, it would
- 5 be the very last section under 2870(E), add a number
- 6 three which will state, as written there on your screen
- 7 there,
- 8 "No later than upon approval of
- 9 the certification of closure, the EA
- shall update the permit pursuant to
- 11 the procedures specified under
- 12 section 21670. This update takes
- the place of a permit review under
- 14 section 21620 or 21640."
- 15 The reason for this is that at the request of
- 16 our permits branch, is that under the proposed wording
- 17 in the agenda item is that technically a permit would
- 18 never have to be updated to reflect closure, since the
- 19 closure plan is already incorporated you never have to
- 20 do that.
- 21 So what this is saying is that at least by the
- 22 time the closure is completed, the certification of
- 23 closure, that the permit would be updated to reflect
- 24 that the site is closed but not operating.
- 25 So sections 21670 is the procedures for

1 ownership or name and address changes, which is a very

- 2 administrative process, so it would not have to come up,
- 3 it's an administrative change only. So we want to make
- 4 that addition to these regulations prior to starting the
- 5 45 day comment period.
- 6 The second part of the resolution had to do
- 7 with trickling and closure delays. And that standard is
- 8 divided up into three parts, what we call the flow level
- 9 or the trigger which would kick a facility into the
- 10 standard, the criteria under which closure extensions
- 11 could be approved, and then how it's implemented.
- 12 There's two triggers; one is for long term
- 13 inactive sites. So if the site is inactive for more
- 14 than twelve months, then that kicks it into the
- 15 regulation. And that's identical to the current
- 16 standard in the RCRA Subtitle D.
- 17 The very low flow standard is you compare the
- 18 last two years of average flow, compare that to the
- 19 previous ten years before that, so a twelve year period,
- 20 and 30 percent. If the current two years is 30 percent
- 21 or less of the previous ten years flow, then we're
- 22 calling that as a low flow to then kick 'em into the
- 23 trickling regulations.
- 24 And I do want to make sure that this does not
- 25 apply to, there was a concern last month that this might

1 apply to inactive portions of active landfills, and that

- 2 was never staff's intention, but we have added another
- 3 section into the proposed regulations that specifically
- 4 say it does not address inactive portions of active
- 5 landfills.
- 6 Now, the criteria to approve a closure
- 7 extension would be that there is capacity to receive
- 8 additional waste, there is a likelihood of receiving
- 9 additional waste, and then the reasons could be anything
- 10 other than it cannot be to avoid or delay closure.
- 11 So if a an operator is avoiding or delaying
- 12 closure, then no, we would not allow a closure
- 13 extension, they would have to then begin closure
- 14 activities.
- 15 If it's for some other legitimate reason then
- 16 that could be approved and allow them to either stay at
- 17 the low flow state or to be inactive for longer than a
- 18 twelve month period.
- 19 On the implementation. The LEA would approve
- 20 that extension with Waste Board concurrence, and there
- 21 are timelines for application, review and approval in
- 22 the regulations.
- The site has to be maintained in an
- 24 environmentally sound manner.
- 25 The solid waste facility permit will have to be

1 reviewed or revised after approval to determine whether

- 2 the existing permit addresses the low flow condition or
- 3 not.
- 4 And then we also have added in at the request
- 5 of the rural counties is that for those sites that are,
- 6 currently might meet the standard but will actually
- 7 close within the next two years but do not have to go
- 8 through this approval process for the time period, they
- 9 can close within the next few years. Because there are
- 10 a few facilities that are looking to close very
- 11 recently.
- 12 Some of the issues with the trickling
- 13 regulation were the trigger. None, some had none,
- 14 trickling was fine, or to a 50 percent of lifetime
- 15 average. The specific criteria to any reason okay for
- 16 the criteria or permit versus no permit change.
- 17 The regulations were drafted as proposed
- 18 because the standards do address incremental reduction
- 19 of flows, and will address existing reduced flow
- 20 landfills without being overly burdensome.
- 21 The criteria by leaving it open to any reason
- 22 other than avoiding or delaying closure allows for the
- 23 greatest flexibility.
- 24 And then the implementation will consider, it's
- 25 considered a significant change, and you have a need for

1 appropriate permit conditions if not already addressed

- 2 in the permit.
- 3 Based on staff's finding, looking at flow data
- 4 through the year 2000 is approximately seventeen
- 5 landfills would fall under this regulation as written.
- 6 Fourteen at the low flow, three at the long term
- 7 inactive.
- 8 In an initial look at these sites, most appear
- 9 to have justifiable reasons for their low flows. Some
- 10 of them have lost flows to a private landfill, so
- 11 they're not avoiding closure they've just lost
- 12 customers, and there are also some partial closures
- 13 among the sites.
- 14 Closure plan approval for a solid waste
- 15 facility permit, that's item number three on the list.
- 16 The proposed standard requires the Waste Board to
- 17 determine a plan, that the closure plans are in
- 18 compliance with state minimum standards for solid waste
- 19 facility permit concurrence.
- 20 That's stronger than what it is currently now,
- 21 where the plans only have to be deemed complete which is
- 22 a fairly low standard, which means that they have to
- 23 address the various issues.
- 24 This one did get a lot of comments during the
- 25 informal period. Some stakeholders wanted the status

1 quo complaining that it will be difficult to obtain

- 2 approval without delaying permit processing.
- 3 What staff's done is that the permit processing
- 4 has not changed. Permits will go ahead the same way, so
- 5 the only difference is that, for Board concurrence is
- 6 that Board staff would have to make the finding if the
- 7 plans are in compliance with state minimum standards.
- 8 Neither the LEA nor the Water Board would have to do
- 9 anything in addition to what they're already currently
- 10 doing.
- 11 Standard of complies with state minimum
- 12 standards is less onerous, especially when there may be
- 13 delays from other agencies beyond the control of the
- 14 Waste Board for the LEA.
- 15 And it does address delays in plan submittals
- 16 which currently are occurring.
- 17 The Board as coordinating agency, which is the
- 18 fourth item on the resolution. The way the standard is
- 19 written is that the Waste Board would be the default
- 20 coordinating agency for closure plan review. However,
- 21 the LEA or the Water Board could be, on a case by case
- 22 basis, providing all the agencies agree to that.
- 23 This has general agreement with pretty much
- 24 everybody, and there, it appears to be a
- 25 non-controversial change. And in fact, many of the

1 comments that we've received is that they welcome this

- 2 change.
- 3 The Board has three options:
- 4 To approve the request with no changes to the
- 5 proposed regulations.
- 6 Approve the request and require changes prior
- 7 to beginning the formal comment period.
- 8 Or require an additional informal comment
- 9 period.
- 10 Staff is recommending that the committee
- 11 approve the request with no changes to the proposed
- 12 regulations, including the one I mentioned during the
- 13 presentation, the one addition.
- 14 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: So technically we
- 15 would be approving going forward with the change that
- 16 you're talking about?
- 17 MR. WOCHNICK: Well legally, actually the
- 18 change is, it's our proposal is, includes the change, so
- 19 it would be any, we're recommending that, that's as
- 20 proposed.
- 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: As proposed.
- 22 MR. WOCHNICK: Yeah, which includes the change.
- 23 So the staff's proposal includes the change, so it's
- 24 still technically number one.
- 25 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Right.

1 MR. WOCHNICK: The next steps would be the,

- 2 assuming the committee approves beginning the formal
- 3 comment period, would be to do the initial statement of
- 4 reasons and the economic and fiscal impact statements.
- 5 So based on the normal timing that those take,
- 6 we're looking at the formal comment period would
- 7 probably not start till probably August or September of
- 8 this year, by the time all those items get completed.
- 9 That concludes my presentation. I'd be happy
- 10 to answer any questions you might have.
- 11 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Any questions? We
- 12 do have one speaker. Okay. Theresa Dodge from Los
- 13 Angeles County Sanitation Districts.
- 14 MS. DODGE: Good morning, Mr. Chair and Board
- 15 members. As stated, I'm Theresa Dodge, I represent the
- 16 Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.
- 17 At the last meeting Grace Chan of our office
- 18 testified before you relating our concerns to the
- 19 proposed regulations -- proposed regulations. Better?
- 20 Okay. You didn't miss anything.
- In particular, the proposed requirements have
- 22 closure plans approved or approvable before an operating
- 23 permit can be issued.
- 24 We expressed a desire to work with staff in
- 25 coming up with language that meets their objectives

1 while providing permit applicants a set timetable for

- 2 permit review.
- 3 As you heard, we did meet with staff and were
- 4 successful in coming to consensus on language that for
- 5 the most part addresses our concerns. We may still have
- 6 some comments on the latest version, but will reserve
- 7 those for the comment period.
- 8 Therefore, we'd like to support staff
- 9 recommendation to approve the regulations for release to
- 10 public comment.
- 11 On behalf of the sanitation districts I'd like
- 12 to expression our appreciation to Mike Wochnick, Scott
- 13 Walker, and Steve Levine for carefully concerning our
- 14 concerns and for being very responsive to them.
- 15 Grace Chan wanted to be here today but had a
- 16 scheduling conflict, and wanted me to express her
- 17 sincere personal appreciation to both the Board members
- 18 and staff.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Thank you very much.
- 21 We also, we do have a communication from a
- 22 number of waste companies which goes along the same
- 23 lines as the witness just expressed, and I'm reading
- 24 from the letter,
- 25 "There are a couple of

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1 outstanding issues, but we feel that
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- 2 we can --" excuse me, this is the
- 3 waste companies -- "we feel these
- 4 can be dealt with during the public
- 5 comment period and, therefore,
- 6 support the staff recommendation of
- 7 approval -- excuse me -- to approval
- 8 of the regulations for release."
- 9 And they also express their appreciation to Mr.
- 10 Wochnick, Mr. Levine and Mr. Walker.
- 11 Mr. Jones.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Thanks, Mr. Paparian.
- 13 Yeah, I want to thank our staff too. We had
- 14 some discussions about some of these issues, and I think
- 15 it just makes it a stronger program when we're looking
- 16 at tying the approved closure plan to a permit.
- 17 And I think that the issues were addressed
- 18 properly if, you know, I mean I'm in support of putting
- 19 these out for 45 day comment with the addition, but I
- 20 don't know if anybody else has anything.
- 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: If there's no
- 22 objection, then I don't think we need a resolution on
- 23 this.
- MS. NAUMAN: No, we just need your direction.
- 25 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Mr. Medina.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MEDINA: Okay.
- 2 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: So that's done, we
- 3 recommend going forward.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Mr. Chair, do we put
- 5 that, we can't put that on consent?
- 6 MS. NAUMAN: Doesn't need to.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Doesn't even need to
- 8 go to the Board.
- 9 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: This action is the
- 10 action.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay, yeah, that's the
- 12 way we used to do it.
- 13 MS. NAUMAN: And now it's our intent, now that
- 14 the committees have been established, to come to you for
- 15 direction on the reg packages, and then reserve the
- 16 Board action for the final adoption --
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yeah.
- 18 MS. NAUMAN: -- when it's all said and done.
- 19 Just to make comments on the last two items. I
- 20 and J are not before you for consideration this morning,
- 21 they are public hearings that will be conducted on the
- 22 first day of the Board meeting next week.
- 23 The first package is the putrescible
- 24 regulations. And based on the comments that we've
- 25 received thus far, we're anticipating that we'll need a

1 fifteen day comment period following the public hearing

- 2 next week.
- 3 And then the second item is the compostable
- 4 material regulations, and what you'll have before you
- 5 next week is, what the Board will have before it next
- 6 week is solely the public hearing, and then we'll
- 7 probably be coming back to the committee late in the
- 8 summer, after we've reviewed all of the comments, and
- 9 we'll likely ask for an additional fifteen day comment
- 10 period.
- 11 And as I indicated, we'll start adjusting all
- 12 of our regulatory calendars to bring these issues
- 13 progress on all the items to the committee in
- 14 discussion.
- 15 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. We did notice
- 16 on those two items that they wouldn't be taken up at
- 17 this committee meeting?
- 18 MS. NAUMAN: That's correct. Clear notice
- 19 that, the public notice that went out said May 14th, and
- 20 so this agenda carries that same indication that the
- 21 committee will not be taking up this item but it will be
- 22 before the full Board.
- In the future when we send out public notices
- 24 for the public hearings, we will indicate that the
- 25 public hearing will actually be conducted before the

- 1 committee.
- 2 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: And Mr. Sweetzer, I
- 3 see you have something you want to say.
- 4 MR. SWEETZER: I just wanted a clarification on
- 5 this also.
- 6 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay.
- 7 MR. SWEETZER: Larry Sweetzer on behalf of the
- 8 Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers
- 9 Authority.
- 10 We will be providing some comments on the
- 11 compost regs, there's still an issue we're trying to get
- 12 clarified as far as the exclusion categories go. But I
- 13 do notice that the comment period is open until the 13th
- 14 of May, the Board meeting is on the 14th, and I would
- 15 hope that any comments considered by the public at the
- 16 14th meeting would also be included as part of the
- 17 record and not just close it on the 13th.
- 18 So we appreciate that, and we will be working
- 19 with staff on those comments.
- 20 MS. NAUMAN: All comments taken at the public
- 21 hearing are part of the record.
- MR. SWEETZER: Thank you.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Not to discuss this
- 24 but, I mean the compost regs, but with all the work that
- 25 we did, this is about the presentation in front of the

1 Board, we're giving a little bit of direction here or a

- 2 little suggestion.
- 3 With all the work that we've done on PR 1133
- 4 and all the issues around this, it is critical that this
- 5 packet go out now. But somehow when you make your
- 6 presentation to the Board, we've got to make sure that
- 7 people understand that we can revisit these regs as
- 8 quickly as we need to, but that's going to be as we
- 9 develop best management practices and an understanding
- 10 with the air district, air districts which is what we
- 11 agreed to and the direction that the South Coast Air
- 12 Board gave their staff.
- 13 So people are going to be confused about this.
- 14 I know you're aware of that, but I want to make sure
- 15 that they understand that, in fact, those issues that
- 16 we're going to be addressing as a result of our joint
- 17 work can come forward in another reg package, correct?
- 18 MS. NAUMAN: That's correct. It's always been
- 19 staff's expectation that we would be developing phase
- 20 two of these regulations.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Okay. I just wanted
- 22 to get that on the record so people don't freak.
- Thank you.
- 24 COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Okay. Anything
- 25 else?

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            MS. NAUMAN: No, that concludes our agenda.
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             Any public comment?
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             (No response.)
             COMMITTEE CHAIR PAPARIAN: Seeing none, the
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 5 meeting is adjourned.
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             Thank you.
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